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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CPT CC ON BY-ELECTIONS

On September 28, 1986 parliamentary by-elections will be held in Turkey. The Motherland Party government is now making use of the opportunities provided by the September 12 regime and taking necessary measures for the course of the elections in anti-democratic and unequal conditions. Because the Motherland Party is not likely to achieve any success if the elections are held in democratic conditions and it is unable to rig the elections.

The aim of Motherland Party government is to preserve its previous votes in the by-elections, to gain time until general elections and meantime to take new anti-popular and anti-peace steps expected from him by the US imperialism and the collaborating monopolies.

The Motherland Party government gets prepared:

- to allow the USA for deployment of new nuclear and chemical weapons onto our soil, to create tensions in relations with socialist countries in a dangerous way,
- in line with the requisite of the IMF and collaborating holdings, to introduce a new devaluation and series of price increases, to transfer the state owned economic enterprises to foreign and local monopolies,
- to increase the convictions predicted by the articles of 141, 142 and 163 of the Turkish Penal Code, the articles related with restriction of freedom of thought, expression and freedom of religious belief.

While the Motherland Party government gets prepared to resort all types of repression and tricks and to utilize the radio and TV, the budget of the local administrations for vote hunting, the advisers of the government are already making plans to present the election results as the victory of the Motherland Party no matter if there is to be a drop in its votes.

All legal opposition parties who have the opportunity to participate in the elections want the defeat of the Motherland Party and declare their possible success.

The defeat of Motherland Party in by-elections indeed is an urgent need. If that could be achieved, if there is a significant drop in its votes, although that does not cause a change in alignment of the forces in the parliament, it will be possible to prevent further anti-popular steps of the government.

Nevertheless, no one should pin hopes on achieving any success easily in the elections and should not promise to the people easy successes. The task of the democratic forces is to prepare the people for a hard struggle against the Motherland Party government who has wide opportunities which can not be under-

estimated. The imperialist centres, collaborating monopolies and militarist generals backing the Motherland Party will make use of every means to confuse the people, to prevent them from joining the political struggle, to divide the opposition forces and to bring them against each other.

The success is hard but not impossible. In our opinion, all forces striving for democracy should act with great responsibility for achievement of a success.

For the success of democratic forces in the elections, the CPT believes that: -legal opposition parties, departing from the aim of standing against the Motherland Party as a united force, should make an agreement on elections in this or that way and nominate common candidates in those ten provinces where by-elections are to be held:

-with the purpose of channelling the votes of the Republican People's Party (CHP) and of the Justice Party (AP) whose activities were banned after the September 12 coup, efforts should be made for an agreement to stop the senseless rivalry between two opposition parties, namely between the Social Democrat Populist Party and Democratic Left Party and the attempt of Free Democrat Party to split the votes of Righteous Path Party should be made ineffective.

The left forces whose activities are banned should decisively adopt a common position in regard with the legal opposition participating in the elections.

If both, legal and outlawed opposition forces can jointly show the realistic way out to the people who are confused by the Motherland Party through national and social demagogies, falsifications, they will see more clearly the possibility of a change. The minimum common denominator of the views put forward by each party already presents a key for such an alternative programme. The question is to disseminate these common points through the broadest mass actions and cooperation in practice or some other similar acts.

The Türk-İş administration (Confederation of trade unions) should make all out efforts for realization of its decision, as it was announced, on organisation of demonstrations and marches in ten provinces under the slogan of "no vote to the government". Türk-İş should appeal all workers and toiling people to vote for those parties who defend the demands elaborated by its executive board and raised in the demonstration in Eskişehir. Peasant organisations and other professional organisations and youth organisations, intellectuals should make their weight to be felt through their concrete demands.

The democratic circles in the press should take courageous steps to convey objectively the voice of the opposition and of mass organisations to the people.

If the democratic forces can enter into such a responsible and determined struggle, despite all negative conditions, the government can be repelled in the by-elections and therefore the conditions for a triumph in the struggle for democracy can be extended. The success to be achieved in the by-elections will pave the way for more rapid and greater successes.

The CPT will make every effort for attainment of this goal which is not easy at all. During the election campaign, the CPT will put into discussion its own programme for Peace and National Democracy and help the unification of the broadest democratic forces. The CPT will support without any hesitation all demands and actions of the opposition against the dictatorship, in defence of national interests, peace and democracy and will take into consideration each and every proposition to be made.

The CPT appeals all compatriots who pay attention to its words to participate actively in the election campaign, to cooperate closely with other oppo-

sition forces and to undertake a stimulating function in nomination of common candidates.

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Communist Party of Turkey*

STATEMENT OF THE CPT CC ON THE REACTIONARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST BULGARIA

The Communist Party of Turkey is deeply concerned about the possibility of a serious tension in Turkish-Bulgarian relations as a result of ongoing campaign being encouraged and conducted against Bulgaria directly by the Özal government in Turkey.

On the eve of by-elections, as a means of preventing a popular opposition and a possible defeat in the elections, for the sake of getting more votes, the government neglects the both, the future of economic relations between two countries that is based on mutual benefit and equal rights and the principles of peaceful coexistence, good neighbourhood and mutually non interference in each other's internal affairs. One of the reasons that leads the government to incite such a campaign is to confuse the forces in opposition with chauvinism, to keep them toyed with it and make them ineffective. Dimensions of the campaign mounted with this purpose, of course creates irritation and indignation on every person with a common sense. The articles appear in the press that torpedo the trade relations with Bulgaria, talk about taking Bulgarian citizens as "hostages", about conducting terrorist "operations" on the territory of Bulgaria and even declaring war against the neighbouring socialist country, all are done with the knowledge, encouragement and support of the Özal government. In the face of such provocative writings which according to the Turkish Penal Code is an offence, the government keeps silent. No one has and should have the right to threaten the security of our country and the peace in the region for the sake of vote hunting.

This provocative campaign that eventually poses a threat against the most natural diplomatic relations between two countries is not only a simple election tactic. In effect, anti-Bulgarian campaign is part and parcel of the "psychological warfare" of the Reagan Administration, which serves for its military aims at gaining the hegemony over the world. Those forces trailing in the wake of Washington have increased their provocative efforts in our country against the socialist countries, especially against the People's Republic of Bulgaria and at the same time stepped up all their attempts to drag the opposition into this line. It is not accidental that the time of intensification of these efforts coincides with the attempts of the USA to build up depots for its nuclear weapons in Turkey. With the smoke screen of the anti-Bulgarian campaign, Evren-Özal administration tries to conceal from the people the secret treaties with the USA that drives Turkey onto the brink of a nuclear disaster and its refusal of the proposal made by the People's Republic of Bulgaria in regard with creation of a nuclear free zone in Balkans.

Now the following question appears in the international arena:

Whether Evren-Özal administration will remain loyal to the Atatürk's principle of "peace in the world" that from time to time it seems like to defend it, or whether it will pursue a racist, expansionist policy which was doomed during the time of Atatürk and dragged our country into a catastrophe, national isolation and enmity between Turkey and all its neighbours? Indeed, the main question is not the direction of internal developments in Socialist Bulgaria but the orientation of the foreign policy of the Republic of Turkey and this question concerns everyone, all states and the peace in the world.

The CPT appeals all citizens striving for peace to make pressure onto the government, to orient it towards a coolheaded line and to display the real purposes of the anti-Bulgarian campaign.

Let everyone deal with their own internal affairs and protect together the peace in the region and in the world.

July 23, 1986

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

STATEMENT OF THE CPT CC

ON NEW US NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE VAULTS IN TURKEY

It was made public that the US Administration considers plans to build totally 54 new nuclear weapon storage vaults in Murted, Eskişehir, Erhaç, Balıkesir and İncirlik air bases, 30 of them to be in İncirlik base.

This is a development of the strike system called "quick reaction alert" in which nuclear bomb storage vaults are to be built in immediate proximity to carrier air crafts.

Among the 16 NATO countries, Turkey takes the fourth place with 489 nuclear warheads stored on its territory and sixth place with 22 nuclear infrastructure installations. Now building of new nuclear depots will eventually result in an increase in the US nuclear weapons in the US military bases in Turkey. Hence further growth of the threat of Turkey's being dragged into a nuclear war against its will, just for the sake of the US interests.

In the face of this danger, Evren-Özal administration tends to confuse the people, to gain time, to conceal its approval of new plans and to calm down the public opinion.

Whereas the situation confronting the country gives no tolerance to waste time. Nuclear weapons mean not the security but disaster and annihilation. We do not need the US nuclear weapons. Moreover, the "Soviet threat" myth used by the US Administration to keep Turkey as a nuclear prisoner is an absurd allegation.

Our neighbour, the Soviet Union made a proposal to Turkey and to all NATO member countries to make a mutual reduction on nuclear weapons and to enter the 21st century with such a world that is free of nuclear weapons. The Soviet Union made an announcement in the United Nations that it would not be the first in using nuclear weapons. It made a statement that it would not use the nuclear weapons against any country who does not possess them on its territory.

It has stopped the nuclear tests and made a proposal to the USA and to other countries to do the same. The one who refused all these proposals is the US Administration who considers the world as its own empire and the countries like Turkey as pawns of this empire.

Nuclear weapon stocks in our soil will not make any contribution to our national defense capacity but will lead to creation of tensions in relations with the Soviet Union. For whose advantage? Isn't it harmful for our country?

The CPT warns all opposition parties, Türk-İş and all trade union organisations, all mass organisations and professional organisations, journalists and the press, all people with a common sense. The USA should not be allowed to build new nuclear storage vaults in Turkey. There is no other way out but dismantle of the US bases in our territory and annulment of the Defence and Cooperation Agreement with the USA for preventing the deployment of nuclear weapons in future. In the coming by-elections, the patriotic and peace-loving people of our country will not vote for the Motherland Party who pursues a policy of slavishly dependence on the US imperialism.

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Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

INFORMATION

NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN TURKEY

During the discussions in the US Congress about military expenditures of the Pentagon it became public that the US Administration now makes plans to develop the "quick response alert" system, namely co-storage of nuclear weapons and strike aircrafts. According to the information released from the Pentagon, in 20 air bases in Europe and the Far East, there are nuclear armed US planes which are maintained on alert for 24 hours and kept ready to take off within 15 minutes. Five of these US bases are in Turkey, in Balıkesir, İncirlik, Erhaç, Eskişehir and Murted bases. Now the Pentagon plans to build nuclear weapon storage vaults in these bases in

immediate proximity to carrier aircraft so to enhance their operational readiness. According to the Pentagon's programme 54 depots are to be built in Turkey, 30 of them to be in İncirlik base and six in each other 4 bases. Two similar depots have already been built at Ramstein air base in FRG. (*Milliyet* July 10, 1986)

As usual, the Turkish public was informed about the plan on building of nuclear depots on its soil through the foreign press. Then it was reflected by the Turkish press and the government was urged to make a statement to deny these plans. The statement however was no more than a confession. Foreign Ministry spokesman

asserted that the new depots to be built were only some "security measures", confirmed the presence of nuclear weapon storages in Incirlik base and claimed that all work to be done was in the NATO frame. (*Cumhuriyet* July 12, 1986) Whereas the US resources note that the building of new depots is not included in the NATO programme but it was expected to get an approval from NATO (*Milliyet*, July 14, 1986). On the other hand it is interesting to note here that while the US resources announce the plan, the Foreign Minister of Turkey explains the reason of its silence as "principle NATO decision".

This new plan shows that Turkey is being involved in the nuclear build up of the Reagan Administration through the dictatorship whose foreign policy's backbone is slavishly dependence on the US imperialism. As it was stated in last October's Bulletin of Atomic Scientists "the nuclear weapon programme in Turkey is in an aggressive growth stage. The Bulletin also quotes an article in Air Force magazine dated May 1983 that says Turkey will resume its role

as a NATO alert base. That simply means involvement of Turkey in a nuclear conflict. According to the US sources, there are 489 nuclear warheads deployed in Turkey and 300 of them are on bombs for aircraft and stored in the US bases. Turkey put into service of the "Quick reaction alert" system its four nuclear capable aircraft fleets two of them F-4 and other two F-104 fleet (*Cumhuriyet*, April 6, 1984) There are also Honest John missiles with a 64 km range which the USA now plans to replace them with the medium range Lance-2 missiles. A recent report appeared in the foreign press indicates that the USA plans to deploy in Turkey W-79 atomic artillery shells called "Artillery fired atomic projectile" which it has already secretly deployed them short while ago in FRG (*Tercüman*, July 28, 1986)

All these developments and the irresponsible, US-dependent foreign policy of the present regime in Turkey, as it was underlined by the CPT CC in its recent statement lead to growth of the threat of Turkey's involvement in a nuclear conflict against its will.

DOCUMENTS

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

On the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the people's revolution in Mongolia, comrade H.Kutlu sent a message of congratulations to the CC of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party, conveyed the revolutionary greetings of the communists and the working class of Turkey. In his message he stated that during these 65 five years under the leadership of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party the Mongolian people realized the anti-feudal, anti-imperialist popular revolution transformation of the country into a socialist agricultural-industrial country, radical changes in the living conditions of the people has taken gigantic steps along the path of social progress. Mongolian people have been fighting for peace, security and good neighbourly relations in Asia. The communists of Turkey highly appreciate these responsible position of the Mongolian people.

July 11, 1986

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE THE COMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM

On behalf of the communists and the working class of Turkey, the Central Committee of the CPT conveys its condolences to the CC of the Communist Party of Vietnam for passing away of Comrade Le Duan, General Secretary of the CC. Comrade Le Duan had devoted all his life to the liberation and a human-like life of the Vietnamese people. He was in the forefront of the struggle against French colonialism, against the US imperialism. He was the symbol of the resistance in the prisons of the colonialists. His life and struggle has been an example for the communists of Turkey in their fight. The Communist Party of Turkey will always keep alive the memory of comrade Le Duan.

July 11, 1986

TO COMRADE FAIK WARRAD FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE JOURDANIAN CP

On behalf of the CC of the CPT Comrade Haydar Kutlu congratulated the 60th birthday anniversary of comrade Faik Warrad, First Secretary of the CC of the Jourdanian CP. On this occasion, he expressed the appreciation of the communists of Turkey with his efforts for strengthening the Jourdanian CP, his fight for protection of his country against ploys of imperialism and Zionism, his efforts for consolidation of the unity and solidarity of all fraternal communist parties and the anti-imperialist forces of the region. He once more announced the solidarity of the CPT with the fraternal Jourdanian CP and the progressive forces of Jourdan. The CPT condemns the escalation of brutality over the communists and progressives of Jordan. It demands the release of all prisoners and stop of persecutions.

July 15, 1986

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CP

The Central Committee of the CPT congratulated the 65th founding anniversary of the South African Communist Party, who has been went through hard class struggles during its 65 years of glorious history and now is in the forefront of the struggle against exploitation, war imperialist plunder, racism and apartheid, whose courageous members and fighters make every sacrifice for the victory of national democratic revolution in South Africa paving the way for socialism. The CPT condemns the brutality and repression of the racist regime in South Africa and follows with a great joy and interest the raising struggle of the South African People.

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